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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: COPOLYMERS OF AMINOPROPYL:

VINYL ETHER

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 19-22.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An antimicrobial copolymer, obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl ether of formula

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